GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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STIPEND TO PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether stipends are being given to physically handicapped students at Primary and Upper Primary level from the Central Government;

(b) if so, the amount per month per child and the amount spent and number of such physically handicapped students during each of last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the State Governments are awarding additional stipends for such physically handicapped students;

(d) if so, the names of the States and stipend per child per month;

(e) whether the Government are aware of the fact that due to difficult and expensive system of medical examination many physically handicapped students are being deprived of stipends in some States;

(f) if so, whether the Government propose to direct the State Governments to send a team ofmedical officers from the nearest PHC to each Primary School in the beginning of the academic session each year to examine students and issue certificates of eligibility for stipend; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) Most of the State Governments/UT Administrations have schemes providing forscholarship/stipend to students with disabilities in Classes I to VIII. The rate ofscholarship/stipend differs from State to State ranging from Rs.5.00 to Rs.200.00 per month.

(e) to (g) Detailed guidelines for evaluation of various disabilities and issue of disability certificates have been issued and are uniformally applicable to all States/UTs.